

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/2/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,6-9, 5, 3-4, 10-18, & 25-29 (Re#1-23).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Allowable Subject Matter

1. The invention is directed to a TCP offload engine which is capable of offloading a host. The engine has a first memory stores and simultaneously outputs at least two TCP values associated with a TCP connection wherein the list is at least two TCP state values are taken from the group consisting of: a receive packet sequence limit, an expected receive packet sequence number, a transmit sequence limit, a transmit acknowledge number, and a transmit sequence number which the examiner interprets as dynamic session values.

A second memory that stores and simultaneously outputs at least two packet header values of a packet communicated over the TCP connection wherein at least two packet header values are taken from the group consisting of: a receive packet sequence number, a packet payload size, a packet acknowledge number, and a packet transmit window value which again the examiner interprets as dynamic session values.

Combinatorial logic that receives said at least two TCP state values and said at least two packet header values and generates therefrom a flush detect signal indicative of whether an error condition has occurred, the two TCP state values and the two packet header values being supplied to the combinatorial logic simultaneously.

The closest prior art is Jolitz (Patent Publication No.: US2001/0025315 A1)

Jolitz teaches: a network accelerator or a TCP offload engine. The network accelerator has a Prototype Register (1st memory) which stores TCP header values which are static session values and RX register 152 (2nd memory) which stores dynamic header values and a header matcher which compares. Jolitz does not teach a 1st memory which stores dynamic session values.

The closest prior art Jolitz does not anticipate or render obvious the following claim limitations:

“first memory stores and simultaneously outputs at least two TCP values associated with a TCP connection wherein the list is at least two TCP state values are taken from the group consisting of: a receive packet sequence limit, an expected receive packet sequence number, a transmit sequence limit, a transmit acknowledge number, and a transmit sequence number which the examiner interprets as dynamic session values” as claimed in claim 1,2,5,10, 11, 12,15, 17, 18, & 25.

In addition:

Claims 6-8 and 9 are allowed because they depend upon claim 2.

Claims 3-4 are allowed because they depend upon claim 5.

Claims 13-14 are allowed because they depend upon claim 12.

Claim 16 is allowed because it depends upon claim 15

Claims 26-29 are allowed because they depend upon claim 25.

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Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert W. Wilson whose telephone number is 571/272-3075. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

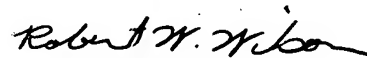
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau T. Nguyen can be reached on 571/272-3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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